UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RACIAL MATTERS

It is recommended attached document regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. be furnished President-elect Nixon and the Attorney General designate, after the inauguration, in view of the agitation by some individuals and groups that King's birthday be made a national holiday.

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, formed by King, held demonstrations on January 15, 1969, King's birthday, to urge that that date be made a national holiday. According to press accounts, Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy and other prominent Negroes met with President-elect Nixon on January 13, 1969, and Abernathy then urged Nixon to make King's birthday a national holiday.

Attached document, briefed down to half the length of the last write-up of King's career, sets out the extensive communist influence on King [redacted]

It is felt we should aim to have the attached document regarding King ready for delivery to President Nixon and the Attorney General on Thursday, January 23, 1969, in view of the inaugural events scheduled between now and that date. Upon approval of attached document, appropriate transmittal letters will be prepared and the document will be printed. When printed, the document will be classified "Top Secret."

ENCLOSURES SENT TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES UNDER COURT ORDER. 6 JAN 23 1969

ACTION:

That this document (a Xerox copy of the original and yellow file copy are attached) be approved for dissemination by letter to President Nixon at the White House and to the Attorney General.

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Enclosure

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Communist Infiltration
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
Your memorandum dated April 2, 1958